

**Approved March 8, 2017**

**Town Meeting Coordinating Committee  
Minutes for September 22, 2016, 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
Bangs Center, Lower Meeting Room**

**Present:** Peggy Roberts, Mary Streeter, Alan Powell, Barbara Ford, Chris Riddle, Patricia Holland

**Absent:** Jacqueline Maidana

Peggy called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

1. **Public Comment:** None
2. **Subcommittee:** Chris reported that the subcommittee approved one of our four suggested revisions to TM rules. He made the following motion: “I move to sponsor the following article on the Fall 2016 town meeting calendar. To see if the town will amend rule number 4 of the Rules of Order as follows:  
GREEN AND RED AND WHITE CARDS DURING DEBATE. To assist the moderator in shaping an orderly and equitable debate, green and red cards shall be used by members to indicate a desire to speak for or against the current motion on the floor. A desire to speak without advocacy or to ask a question shall be indicated by raising a hand with a white card.  
We approved this motion unanimously. Mary suggested we arrange a meeting with Town Manager Bockelman.
3. **Scheduling and Planning of Town Meeting Events:**  
The Zoning Forum will take place on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 7-9:30 PM. Peggy will check if Chris Brestrup has copies of our zoning primer. For the Warrant Review on October 25<sup>th</sup>, we discussed whether to omit discussion of zoning articles and save that for the zoning forum. We decided to wait and see how long the TM warrant is going to be.
4. **Town Website and Listserv:** Mary wanted to discuss our TM listserv and the fact that not all TM members’ names are on it. A few members do not use email, but we could add the addresses of those TM members who do. Mary then suggested we turn this problem over to the Town’s IT people to see if they will take it on. Barbara raised an issue brought up at the Charter Commission meeting: people don’t know who their TM representatives are. Mary noted the term “Representative” was inappropriate, since TM members are expected to vote according their own best judgment and not necessarily the views of their precinct residents.
5. **Topics Not Anticipated 48 Hours Before the Meeting:** None.
6. **Scheduling of Next Meeting:** Our next two meetings will be Thursday, Sept. 29, 4-6 PM, and Friday, Oct. 7, 3:30-5:30 PM.
7. **Approval of Minutes:** We approved the minutes of August 16 and Sept. 16, 2016 as amended.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Submitted by Patricia Holland, Clerk.

**Documents Distributed:**

Agenda

TMCC calendar Sept. 11-Dec. 10, 2016

Emailed handout from Mary Streeter for Town Meeting Members on upcoming events plus useful links

Draft minutes for meetings of Aug. 16 and Sept. 16, 2016

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